

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

STUMP, Bob (Republican)
Representative, 3rd District, Arizona
Elected 1976 to 95th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Phoenix, Arizona - 4 April 1927

Home: Tolleson, Arizona

Marital Status: Married (Nancy Baehre) - 3 children from previous marriage

Religion: Seventh-Day Adventist

Education: Arizona State University, B.S., 1951

Military: U.S. Navy, 1943-46 (During WWII, enlisted in Navy at age 16.)

Profession: Cotton farmer

Political: AZ House, 1959-67; AZ Senate, 1967-76, president, 1975-6. As a Democrat, won the 1976 general election with 58% of the vote for the seat of Rep Sam Steiger (R) who ran for the Senate unsuccessfully. Became a Republican in 1981. Reelected in 1996 with 66% of the vote; in 1998 with 67%; and in 2000 with 65%.

Rep Stump, a conservative, is a sure vote for DoD's priorities/weapons on the HASC.

In the 106th Congress, introduced a measure to revise computation formula for former spouses of military personnel with regard to division of property from retired pay - HR72. Noted that the budget conference report provides the entire amount recommended by the Veterans' Affairs Cmte, including the largest increase in history for VA health care. Introduced H.R. 1182, to expand and improve the GI bill by creating an enhanced educational assistance program for enlistments or reenlistments of four years active duty service and by eliminating the reduction in pay for basic educational benefits. Introduced, with colleagues, H.R. 1603, to amend 38 USC to provide for permanent eligibility of former members of the Selected Reserve for veterans' housing loans. Inserted in the CR a news article describing then-AF Maj Leo K. Thorsness' experiences as a Vietnam War POW. Believed that H.R. 2116, intro by a colleague, is the most comprehensive legislation to be acted on in behalf of America's veterans in decades. Intro H. Res. 368, providing a cost-of-living adjustment to disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Stated that a transfer of 45 acres from the federal government to Arlington National Cemetery, where fewer than 60,000 sites remain, would preserve for future generations the greatest honor for our greatest heroes. In August 1999, SAF/LLP escorted Mr. Dishner, MII, to Rep Stump's office to discuss the Luke Aux#3 rezoning effort and to pass on the message the AF/CC is personally involved in providing an answer on the 944 FTS. Rep Stump sent ltr to Gen Ralph E. Eberhart, then ACC/CC, expressing concerns about two Air Force Magazine articles concerning the pilot crisis and high operational tempo and their impact on readiness. He will have to relinquish his chairmanship of the Veterans' Affairs Cmte in the 107th Congress, but he is first in line for chairmanship of the HASC. Made strong recommendation to SAF/MI to clarify AF and Luke AFB position on adoption of 1988 Noise Contours as identified in the Joint Land Use Study and Arizona Revised Statutes.

Additional: Many retirees in district. Former member, no longer active Stealth Caucus. Member, Airpower Caucus.

Orientation flights: E-3 (AWACS), F-4, F-16, SR-71

AF Bases: Luke AFB; Reserve Forces

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